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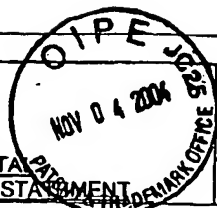
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	AD3	5,488,460	01/23/1996	Townsend			05/20/1993
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	AF2	4,007,135	02/08/1977	Hayden <i>et al.</i>			11/22/1974
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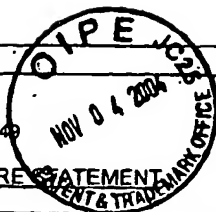
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